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SUBJECT: DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES AND TAX LIABILITIES OF FOREIGN
SERVICE NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 183999

1. STATE 173492 NOT RECEIVED NEW DELHI, THUS THIS TEL
SUMMARIZES FULLY CURRENT SITUATION INDIA.

2. NO-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NEW DELHI ARE ACCORDED
DUTY FREE ENTRY OF PERSONAL AND HHE (INCLUDING AUTO) ONLY DURING
FOUR MONTHS FROM DATE OF ARRIVAL AND ONLY FOR ITEMS THEY CERTIFY
AS OWNED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. NON-DIP PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BOMBAY,
CALCUTTA AND MADRAS MAY NOT IMPORT CARS IN THEIR NAMES. THESE
CARS MUST BE IMPORTED AS OFFICIAL VEHICLES. CONTENTS OF INCOMING
AND OUTGOING SHIPMENTS FOR ALL PERSONNEL MUST BE ITEMIZED BUT
ONLY NON-DIP EFFECTS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. NON-DIP PERSONNEL
ARE ACCORDED NO OTHER DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES NOR TAX EXEMPTIONS.
WHILE PERSONNEL ON DIP-LIST RECEIVE REFUND OF US DOLS 0.90 PER
US GALLON ON EXCISE DUTY ON GASOLINE THOSE ON CONSULAR LIST
DO NOT.

3. NON-DIP PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM HOME LEAVE MAY NOT
IMPORT UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE DUTY FREE AND THEORETICALLY
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ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE MAY CONTAIN ONLY USED ITEMS. DUTY IS
ASSESSED AT 120 PERCENT OF VALUE AND IMPORT LICENSES MUST BE
OBTAINED FOR PROHIBITED ITEMS (FOR EXAMPLE TV, RADIO, STEREO,
ETC).

4. DUTY FREE IMPORTATION OF CARS FOR NON-DIP PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
TO THE EMBASSY IS SPECIAL TREATMENT EXTENDED TO NO FOREIGN

MISSIONS OTHER THAN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. UPON
DEPARTURE OF EMPLOYEE CARS CAN BE SOLD ONLY TO THE STATE
TRADING CORPORATION AT 10 PERCENT REDUCTION ON CIF VALUE EVERY
SIX MONTHS ON A SLIDING SCALE. IF STC CHOOSES NOT TO BUY

THE CAR OR EMPLOYEE FINDS THE PRICE UNACCEPTABLE THE CAR MUST
BE EXPORTED. SHOULD DUTY BE PAYABLE ON CARS IT IS ASSESSED
AT FROM 150 PERCENT TO 208 PERCENT OF CIF VALUE.

5. THE DIFFERENCE IN TREATMENT OF DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL DOES HAVE IMPACT FINANCIALLY AS WELL AS ON MORALE.
OUT OF A TOTAL OF 230 PERSONNEL IN INDIA 122 ARE NON-DIPLOMATIC.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE DIFFERENCES IN PRIVILEGES:

DIPLOMATS	NON-DIPLOMATS
NO AUTO LICENSE FEE	AUTO LICENSE FEE DOLS 1.85
NO ROAD TAX	ROAD TAX FROM DOLS 11.56 TO DOLS 34.68 PER YEAR DEPENDING ON THE WEIGHT OF THE CAR
NO FEE FOR PETS, ONLY DOLS 0.23 FOR TOKEN	DOLS 1.38

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NO FEE FOR DRIVING LICENSE	DOLS 1.85 FOR THREE YEARS AND
OR ITS RENEWAL	DOLS 1.04 FOR RENEWAL FOR THREE YEARS

GAS REBATE OF US DOLS P	NO REBATE
0.90 PER U.S. GALLON	

SALES TAX - EXEMPT WITHIN 10 PERCENT
DELHI TERRITORY

AUTO CAN BE SOLD TO STC AT	CAN ONLY BE SOLD TO STC AT
CIF VALUE. IN CASE OF	THE RATE OF DEPRECIATION OF 10
REFUSAL BY STC CAN BE SOLD	PERCENT EVERY 6 MONTHS OF THE CIF
IN THE OPEN MARKET ON	VALUE ON DIMINISHING SCALE. IN
DUTY	CASE OF STC REFUSAL CAR MUST BE EXPORTED

CAN IMPORT ANY NUMBER OF	ONLY ONE AUTO WITHIN 4 MONTHS
AUTOMOBILES	OF FIRST ARRIVAL.

NO EXAMINATIONS OF PERSONAL OPEN EXAMINATION - INCOMING AND
AND OR HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS - OUTGOING

INCOMING OR OUTGOING

ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CUSTOMS NOT ALLOWED
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ENCLOSURES
WITH CUSTOMS ENDORSEMENT ON THE
EMBASSY PERMIT

CAN BUY GAS AT EMBASSY PUMPS CAN BUY GAS AT EMBASSY PUMPS

WITHOUT PAYMENT OF EXCISE DUTY WITHOUT PAYMENT OF EXCISE DUTY

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6. THE CONCESSION ALLOWING NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL TO
IMPORT CARS WAS GRANTED IN 1965. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FURTHER
PRIVILEGES HAVE PROVED FUTILE, MOST NOTABLY THE REFUSAL TO
ALLOW PERSONNEL RETURNING FOR A SECOND TOUR TO IMPORT
UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE. THE BRITISH HAVE MADE STRONG
REPRESENTATION TO THE GOI FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY OF CARS FOR
THEIR NON-DIP PERSONNEL TO NO AVAIL.GOHEEN

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